

ABSTRACT

This invention provides methods to predict the likelihood of suicidal or self-destructive behavior in a patient during treatment. The method employs the detection of a polymorphism in the SLC6A3 gene at Exon 9 A59G or a surrogate marker, by various methods. Also provided are methods of treatment based on the presence or absence of this polymorphism or surrogate marker. Also provided are kits to use in the methods of the invention.